

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-12 (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) A surface treated absorbent material comprising a superabsorbent material consisting essentially of a superabsorbent polymer consisting of
- a) at least about 75% by weight of the superabsorbent polymer of an anionic polymer comprising functional groups selected from carboxyl groups, sulfonate groups, sulphate groups, sulfite groups, and phosphate groups; and
 - b) an internal crosslinking agent based on the polymerizable unsaturated acid group containing monomer, wherein the superabsorbent polymer has a degree of neutralization of greater than about 25%; wherein elements a) and b) are polymerized and prepared into superabsorbent polymer particles and further comprising the following surface additives to form surface treated superabsorbent polymer particles
- i) from about 0.5% to about 5% by weight of surface crosslinking agent based on the superabsorbent polymer composition; and
 - ii) from about 0.63% to about 5% by weight of a non-cross linked cationic polymeric coating based on the superabsorbent polymer composition; wherein the superabsorbent material having a gel stiffness index of at least about 0.8.

14. (Original) A surface treated absorbent material as set forth in claim 13 wherein the surface treated absorbent material has a gel bed permeability (GBP) under load as determined by a Gel Bed Permeability Under Load Test of at least about $200 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2$.